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Case Number: 2019-TSFO-00624

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Dear Sai:

On behalf of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), I am responding to your letter dated June 11, 2019, and received on June 26, 2019, in which you stated that you are appealing the TSA's "functional denial of your request". Specifically, you stated the TSA failed "to address any part of it at all," and that TSA violated "5 USC (6)(i) and (a)(7) (in entirety)."

You submitted a FOIA request on May 31, 2019 via e-mail (FOIA.tsa.dhs.gov) which TSA assigned FOIA number 2019-TSFO-00624. TSA responded to you on June 5, 2019, stating that your request was "incomplete because you did not adequately describe your request." Furthermore, you were advised that "we cannot process a request for 'all records' on an individual or for 'all communications' between TSA and a third party." In addition, you were provided the opportunity to "resubmit your FOIA request with a more detailed description."

Under the FOIA administrative appeal provisions, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(6)(A), a requester has the right to administratively appeal any adverse determination an agency takes on his or her FOIA request. Adverse determinations, or final actions, include such actions as denials of records either in whole or in part; no-records responses; denials of requests for fee waivers, and denials of requests for expedited processing. TSA has not issued an adverse determination with respect to your May 31, 2019 FOIA request. As stated above, you were provided an opportunity to resubmit your FOIA request with a more detailed description. As of the date of this letter, TSA has not received a request with additional details. If you do not provide those details by October 15, 2019, your request will be administratively closed, and you can appeal that decision at that time.

Sincerely,

*Kerry Callahan /t*

Teri Miller  
FOIA Officer